

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 4 is a photograph ~~analyzed by~~ of SDS-PAGE analysis of Ras and CAT proteins and Ras and CAT proteins fused with various tag peptides. Lanes 1 to 6 show respectively; 1 - Ras or CAT protein with His tag; 2 - Ras or CAT protein with native His tag; 3 - Ras or CAT protein with GST tag; 4 - Ras or CAT protein with MBP tag; 5 - Ras or CAT protein with CBD tag; 6 - RAS or CAT protein with TrxA tag. H and L indicate "high" and "low" molecular weight markers.-

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 3 (first line after the table) with the following amended paragraph:

--Further, the results obtained by performing SDS-PAGE using 5  $\mu$ l of the solution resulting from the protein synthesis in the presence of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled Leu were shown in Fig. 4. In Fig. 4, lanes labeled as 1 to 76 show the following respectively. 1: Ras or CAT protein with the addition of His tag, 2: Ras or CAT

protein with the addition of native His tag, 3: Ras or CAT protein with GST tag, 4: Ras or CAT protein with the addition of CBD tag, and 6: Ras or CAT protein with the addition of TrxA tag. In the drawing, in lanes indicated as Ras and CAT, proteins synthesized in a cell-free protein synthesis system using plasmids pk7-Ras and pk7-CAT as a template are shown as a control, and H and L indicate a high-molecular-weight marker and a low-molecular-weight marker respectively. These results indicate that Ras and CAT proteins with the addition of the respective tags are synthesized with correct molecular weights.-